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**CITY OF GAITHERSBURG
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 21, 2006
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING**

A meeting of the Historic District Commission was called to order at 8:45 p.m., Chair Katz presiding. Commissioners present: Alster, Marraffa, Schlichting and Sesma. Commissioner Absent: Edens. Staff present: City Manager Humpton, Planner Marsh and Administrative Assistant Stokes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vote on the minutes of a Historic District Commission meeting held July 17, 2006, was deferred.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

HAWP-103, Applicant: Ollie Mumpower for the City of Gaithersburg Department of Public Works, Streetscape Improvements for Brookes Avenue

Planner Marsh introduced Engineering Services Director Mumpower to answer questions from the Commission. Mr. Mumpower stated that there have been continuous discussions on this matter with residents since 2000. He briefed the Commission stating that the project includes the narrowing of the residential portion of Brookes Avenue, along its south side from 36 to 32 feet. He further stated that after the work is completed, the street will be overlaid and new crosswalks with a decorative feature will be provided at the Brookes Avenues intersection with both Russell and Park Avenue. In response to concerns of large vehicles entering and exiting commercial properties, Mr. Mumpower stated that the street is wide enough to allow parking on both sides of the streets for two vehicles to pass each other.

Motion was made by Historic District Commissioner Alster, seconded by Commissioner Sesma, that the Historic District Commission, GRANT APPROVAL OF HAWP-103 AND ISSUE THE CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL, FINDING, BASED ON THE RECORD BEFORE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HPAC) AND FOR THE REASONS ARTICULATED BY HPAC, THAT THE APPLICATION MEETS SECRETARY OF INTERIOR STANDARD ONE AND THE BROOKES, RUSSELL, WALKER HISTORIC DISTRICT GUIDELINES.

Vote: 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Historic District Commission, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris R. Stokes

Administrative Assistant